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**Training Asians To
Reach Asia and
Their World**

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Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

One of the blessings that we had not envisioned when the Lord gave us the new facilities for School of Tomorrow [SOT] (where Del hangs out), and Philippines Christian School of Tomorrow [PCST] (where Lora hangs out) was the endless potentials of outreach ministries. Some people come to enroll their kids, some to inquire about home schooling or how to start a school in their church, some come to look around, some to rent the facility and some come because we invite them to hear the gospel presented.

This week in a joint effort of Faith Baptist Church and workers of SOT and PCST who love kids we are having a DVBS for some of our extended neighborhood kids. These kids could never afford to come to our school in fact many of them can't even afford to go to school at all – for in this country, even public school has many required fees – and is not 'free' as we in America would assume.

This morning in our staff devotions as we were commenting on a victory won in the life of one of our challenging students, teacher's from the DVBS began to share things that happened yesterday – which was day two of the week. They were moved by the kids who had never heard of "Jesus", by those who were not even aware of a very prominent Roman Catholic holiday which is part of the Lenten or Easter season. Some of these children were twelve years old, and asking one of the male staff if he could please write their name on their paper for them, "cause I don't know how to write my name". These same children were literally 'awe struck' at holding a brand new crayola and a pencil that had just come out of a real pencil sharpener and was clean and sharp and even had an eraser on the end!



Helping a boy write his name

While we were having concerns over what we were presenting and the lack of "proper" visual aids and hand work that we like to present we found these children just tickled pink that they got to "go to that big school – and be in the big gym" The place that we consider extremely hot in this tropical land where it is now summer – they found breezy and spacious and delightful! And they even got a snack! We literally made their day!

And so the concept of modeling Christ takes on a whole new perspective. If I'm the only Bible some will ever see, what do they see when they look at me? II Cor. 3:1-3 *"Do we begin again to commend ourselves? or need we, as some others, epistles of commendation to you, or letters of commendation from you? Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men: Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshly tables of the heart."* Total children saved: 117, total adults saved 26.



Thanks for your continued prayers and support!

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